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Our hearts are full of gratitude to the friends in America who have so kindly contributed to our work here in the Mary Black Hospital. You have made it possible for us to bring comfort and healing, this past year, to over six hundred in the wards alone to say nothing of some seven thousand in the clinics. While the clinics are not so helpful to individual cases they are of great value in teaching the whole population the value and comfort of foreign medicine. No clinic patient leaves without some word of the Gospel and some printed sheet to read at home. You have contributed a third of the money; the Chinese have shown

TWIN GIRLS, DAUGHTERS OF ONE OF OUR CHRISTIAN SCHOOL GIRLS.

their gratitude by contributing the other two-thirds in fees, etc.

These baby girls are twins and there was great rejoicing when they came. The little mother insisted on naming them for the doctor and nurse and making the hospital a present of fifty dollars over all the regular fees. Many, many mothers are grateful for the comforts of Western medicine when their babies come. The things they suffer at the hands of native midwives is misery untold. The mortality for both babies and mothers is high. The long illnesses following the baby's coming are many.

MISS ZUNG, GRADUATE NURSE. MRS. KOO AND HER MOTHER.

The woman in the invalid's chair is one who came in with a neglected, compound, multiple fracture of the ankle. Her name is Mrs. Koo and when she used to cry when dressed, I teased her and called her Mrs. Koo Guan, Koo Guan meaning the most abject of conditions; then she would laugh because she was grateful to have her foot saved. Her mother and mother-in-law and her son have all come with her in search after the Gospel truths. She said "The doctrine *is good* and I want my son in a Christian school to learn more about it." Most any time I went into the ward I could hear her learning hymns. Many of these women find Christ while they are lying on beds of sickness.

HOLDING CLINIC ON THE HOUSEBOAT DECK.

Hundreds of these people are suffering from ills only made worse by their native practices.

On June 21, Miss Wales asked that one of the doctors go with her on our Chinese houseboat, "The Mississippi," to see the sick in our country stations. We were greeted with joy and fire-crackers. At one station we found that the day before a young woman had killed herself by eating matches. They said "Had you only come yesterday she might have been saved." At another village we were met with "My mother is dying from an over-dose of opium." When we aroused her and talked to her she said "Oh! don't save me; I won't eat;

SENIOR MEDICAL STUDENTS AND DR. POLK IN OPERATING ROOM.

I want to die; life is so hard." We comforted her and her family comforted her and on our return the next day she smiled and thanked us. This help in time of trouble will probably lead them to our little church there and be an entering wedge for our Bible-women to that home. We want to do more for our country people but medicines are so expensive now and people are too poor to pay more than a few pennies. In four days we saw one hundred and ninety-two patients. There were six opium *habitués*.

The great need of the hospital just now is free beds and money to help pay for medicines for our country people.

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GRADUATES: MISSES ZUNG, SZE, MIAU, AND SO, AND MISS HOOD, R.N.

NURSE TRAINING SCHOOL, MARY BLACK HOSPITAL.

The Nurse Training School was organized in 1909. Formerly the nursing was done by the pupils of the Medical School for practical experience, but as the hospital work grew beyond the time the students had to give to it, the need of women to devote themselves entirely to this branch became urgent. The course of

MISS SZE AWARDED ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP.

study is that accepted by the Executive Committee of the Nurses' Association of China, and our School is registered under the Association.

When Miss Sze was five years old her family became Christians, and her early education was received in mission schools. At the age of twelve, she was taken to England by a missionary, and went to school there. After a three years' stay, she returned to China and continued her studies here until she entered our Nurse Training School. With her further preparation in America, upon her return to China, she will be invaluable to us as the Chinese head nurse.

NURSES RECREATING.

Old Chinese custom forbids the girls going out of the homes. Therefore, they knew nothing of recreation. This present time is the dawn of a new era for women in China; the New Woman has entered into the life of the nation, and she is here to stay. She wants to learn all the foreign sports, such as canoeing, tennis, golf, driving, etc. Our students are no exception to this. They are very fond of canoeing, as you will see in the above picture. Others when off duty are busy learning foreign crochet, tatting, and other fancy work.

The present Junior class is composed of nine young women from all over Central China. Year by year, we

SOME OF SOOCHOW'S THOUSANDS WE ARE TRYING TO REACH.

find more educated Chinese young women eager to do something to help their country by helping their weaker sisters. This spirit of service is causing a great many more to apply to study nursing than we can accommodate. We must have a larger hospital, if we take in larger classes. Our scholarships afford a way by which our American sisters can have a part in this work. Most of our scholarship girls are holding responsible positions in hospitals in different parts of Central China.

EVANGELISTIC FORCE OF MARY BLACK HOSPITAL.

EVANGELISTIC WORK.

The evangelistic work is carried on by the above group of workers. Mo Ta Ta who has served us for twenty-five years had to leave a year ago on account of failing eye-sight. This was a serious loss to our evangelistic work.

These workers all have interesting histories. One of them is a product of our hospital evangelistic work. As a child she was sold to be the wife of an only son. Her future mother-in-law beat and otherwise mistreated her. One day after a brutal beating, she was brought to the hospital in a paralyzed condition. She had to

CONDUCTING A MEETING FOR PATIENTS AND SERVANTS.

lie on her back for a whole year. Her progress during that year was marvelous. She learned to read and write, became a Christian, and determined if she got well she would give her entire life to His Service. This determination she carried out by entering our Bible-women's Training School after her dismissal from the hospital. She gradnated a year ago, and since then has led many to the Master by her deep spiritual life.

Every Sunday night there is an evangelistic meeting for probationers. Since last Conference we have had about 25 people become probation ers in our hospital, and during last year sold 2,250 pieces of religious literature. With our patients, the simplest primary methods have to be used.

BIBLE-WOMAN TEACHING PROBATIONER HER DAILY LESSON.

This picture shows how our Bible-women daily do effective work by the patients' bedsides. The patient came to us about two years ago suffering from a tubercular hip. Her father is a farmer, and has to support his family on about ten cents a day. The first time she was with us about two months, but had to go home as her money gave out. As soon as she reached home she secured a position in the temple folding paper money, which is sold and then burned at the graves of the ancestors, according to heathen rites. On her return to us she was much worse than before, but on account of her earnestness, we decided to let her stay indefinitely. Since she has been with us she has learned to read, has

SUN BATH AND DINNER IN YARD.

become a Christian, and is now ready for baptism. What joy it brings to witness the transformation in some of these lives, and see the wonderful workings of His Spirit! Truly His Hand is not shortened that He cannot save!

The next picture shows a group of patients eating dinner and getting a sun bath in the yard. We charge only eight cents gold a day for the patient's food, and often they can hardly pay that, much less for medicines, etc. Therefore, we are anxious to interest the people at home in our "Free Bed" scholarships. The money thus sent out helps to defray the expenses of the many poor women who come to us. You can contribute any sum you like to this fund.

DRS. LOVE, E. AND M. POLK, PARK, RUSSELL, MRS. NANSE AND MRS. SMITH, DRS. VAN, HUANG, Y.Y., HUANG, M.Y., YANG, AND NYI.

THE WOMAN'S MEDICAL COLLEGE

Our college is the oldest woman's medical college in China and the only one teaching in English. Established twenty-five years ago it has had only fourteen graduates because only two classes could be taught simultaneously and because the applicants prepared to study in English were few. But with the coming in of the New China there have been changes. The numbers in the high schools are increasing, and this is enlarging the number of our applicants. The Chinese women are turning naturally toward medicine as a profession, and

THE ANNUAL MAY-DAY PICNIC TO THE SOOCHOW HILLS.

in no country in the world, unless it is India, are women physicians more needed than in China. We should not—because of lack of equipment, dormitories, and faculty—be compelled to turn away a single well-prepared applicant.

This Fall of 1916 we are expecting the largest and best prepared Freshman class in our history. The majority will be High School graduates. This popularity and the growth of our school are gratifying but at the same time embarrassing. We want these girls who will later fill responsible positions of great service to have no less than the best modern medical education. Rocke-

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feller's millions have permanently provided for the medical education of the Chinese man but the Chinese woman must look to the Church for her medical education. Shall we be satisfied for her's to be placed on a lower grade than his? It is impossible for our school to hold up this high standard with its small cramped class rooms and laboratories, inadequate equipment, aud a small faculty. What then is our hope? That this present College will in the near future be the nucleus of a Union Woman's Medical College, supported and staffed by several different denominations. Other hope of saving our College we have none.